

REMARKS


Applicant's Election and Traverse

In response to the Office Action mailed July 5, 2005, Applicant elects to pursue the subject matter of Group VII consisting of claims 40 - 52, and further elects to pursue the subject matter of indicated species of claims 47 and 48. Accordingly, Applicant elects claims 40, 41, 47, 48, 49 and 50 for prosecution on the merits. By this response, original claims 1 - 39, 42 - 46, and 51 - 56 have been withdrawn without prejudice to presenting these claims in a divisional or continuation application. In addition, the election of claims 40, 41, 47, 48, 49 and 50 is made with traverse, and Applicants reserve the right to reintroduce claims 1 - 39, 42 - 46, and 51 - 56, in original or amended form, in view of the later prosecution of this application. Specifically, it is Applicant's position that the claimed inventions are not independent under MPEP § 802.01, that they are related, and that search and examination of the entire application can be made without serious burden. Applicant requests consideration of the pending claims for allowance.

No extension of time is believed necessary for this response. However, any extension of time which may be required for this response is hereby petitioned. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee which may be required for this paper to Deposit Account Number 13-3250, Order No. 36287-00700.

Respectfully submitted,
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